1993-94, and the income returned therein, the approximate number of assessees in *different* stabs of income are as follows;—

Slabs of Income	No. of assessees (In lakhs)
Company Cases	
less than Rs. 50,000	0.92
Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 5 lakhs	0.10
Rs. 5 lakhs to Rs. 10 lakhs	0.49
dle than Rs. 10 lakhs	0.23
Non-Company Cases	
less than Rs. 2 lakhs	85.97
Rs. 2 lakhs to Rs. 5 lakhs	0.28
Rs. 5 lakhs to Rs. 10 .akhs	0.16
More than Rs. 10 lakhs	0.14

(e) The total outstanding demand as on 31-3-1994 in respect of Incoras-tax and Corporation-tax was Rs. 13,360,26 erores. The number of arrear cases as on 31-3-1994 is still under compilation. However, the numher of such cases as on 31-3-1993 was 38,10,428.

Ths following steps are taken to reduce the arrears:

(i) high priority is given to the work of reduction of arrear demand;

(ii) in cases involving demands of Rs. 1 lath and above dossiers are maintained and collection is monitored regularly;

(iii) appellate authorities including the Courts are regularly moved for early disposal of appeals/vacation of stays wherever granted;

(iv) Coercive mcasures like attach ment and sale of property, levy of penary, etc. are also taken in suitable cases

Failure rtae of switching systems

*224. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of complaints from technicians that failure rates of switching systems offered by multinationals like Siemens etc. are much higher than those developed by C-DOT; and

(b) if so, what is the data available with Government on this ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

Recommendations on the Ram Mohan Rao Committee on Small & Medium Newspapers

*226. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state;

(a) the steps taken by the Govern ment to implement the recommendations of Ram Mohan Rao Committee on ths small and medium newspapers submitted to Government on the 27th December, 1990; and

(b) the measures taken by Government to improve the financial status of small newspapers in regional languages ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Out of 12 recommendations made by the Committee, 11 have been accepted with some minor modifications in some cases. Statement-I thereof is laid on the Table of the House. (See below)

(b) Statement-II giving details of facilities which have some bearing on financial status of small newspapers including those in regional languages is laid on the Table of the House.